

A-E CONTRACTING BULLETIN 97-10, 18 JUN 97

SUBJECT: Time Standards Reporting for A-E Indefinite Delivery Contracts (IDC)

1. The enclosed memorandum eliminates the requirement to report on compliance with the A-E time standards for IDC. I am sure that this is very good news.
2. Reporting on compliance with the time standards for "C" contracts is still required. The next annual report covering FY97 is due from the MSCs to me by 31 December 1997. If all A-E contracts for a district or MSC are IDC, please still submit a negative report.
3. There is a little mistake in the formula for computing the Composite Time Index in ER 715-1-20, page F-1, paragraph 2.e. Change 210 to 200 in the denominator.
4. Please pass this message on to the person responsible for the A-E time standards report if it's not you.

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Time Standards for Architect-Engineer (A-E) Contracts

1. Reference Engineer Regulation 715-1-20, Architect-Engineer Contracting.
2. We have decided to eliminate the reporting of compliance with the time standards for A-E indefinite delivery contracts (IDCs), as currently required by paragraphs 2-2.b and 2-11.c, and Appendix F, of the referenced regulation. A formal change to the regulation will be issued soon. Reporting of project-specific contracts (a "C" in the ninth position of the contract number) is still required.
3. Nearly three-fourths of our A-E contracts are now IDCs. Strict compliance with the time standards for all IDCs is not a direct measure of program execution or customer satisfaction. Most IDCs are not time-sensitive and their procurement can be scheduled well in advance. Further, forcing the award of an IDC to comply with the time standards does not always make good management sense. Even though the reporting of IDCs has been eliminated, it is still important that commands have an efficient IDC process since this is our primary A-E contracting method. Hence, the time standards for IDCs still remain in effect as internal performance benchmarks.
4. This memorandum has been coordinated with the Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting. Please distribute this memorandum to Engineering, Contracting and other functional elements involved in the A-E contracting process in your command.
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